



April 22, 2019

To the Chico City Council:

The Butte-Glenn Medical Society (BGMS) is a membership organization that is affiliated with the California Medical Association and has been a local presence since 1857. BGMS's mission is to promote the science and art of medicine, to protect public health, and to promote improvement of the medical profession in our community. BGMS physician members have always and will continue to provide care throughout Butte and Glenn counties.

The Butte-Glenn Medical Society Board of Directors voted unanimously at our meeting April 17, 2019 to support Assembly Bill 430 "Housing Development: Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act of 2019" proposed by Assembly Member Gallagher.

BGMS has actively worked to improve access to care issues that were present prior to and have worsened since the Camp Fire. In discussions with many healthcare coalitions these past few months, there is great need to recruit physicians to the area to help increase our community's access to healthcare. Our physician-to-patient ratios are not conducive to care. Yet, physicians are not able to relocate to this area without access to housing.

In addition, it is everyone's top priority to increase housing for everyone in Chico. Suitable long-term housing is critical for the health of our community. It is, therefore, our belief that AB 430 will help to provide our area some temporary relief and we respectfully ask the city council to work the author and his staff on language that helps to ameliorate the housing crisis while also preserving local oversight.

Best Regards,

David Alonso, MD  
President

Sean Liston, MD  
Immediate Past President